

HOUSE RESOLUTION 376

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Cecelia Rivers on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Cecelia Rivers is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity throughout more than thirty-five years as an educator; she will soon be taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivers has served with acumen and alacrity as a middle school and elementary school teacher, elementary school counselor, and high school counselor, earning the respect of her colleagues and students alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, she is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including Delta Kappa Gamma, to which she has rendered sterling service as Second Vice President; East Tennessee Vocational-Technical Coordinating Council; Phi Delta Kappa; Smoky Mountain Counseling Association; and the Tennessee Counseling Association, as well as the Knox County, Tennessee, and National Education associations; and

WHEREAS, Cecilia Rivers received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from Florida State University, a Master of Science degree in Educational Counseling from the University of Tennessee, and an Education Specialist degree in Administration and Supervision from Lincoln Memorial University; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and honors, Ms. Rivers is a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and received the Tim Kerin Prevention Award and the 1995 Greater Knoxville Chamber of Commerce BEST Award; in addition, she has lent her talents as a

member of the Greater Knoxville Chamber of Commerce Education Leadership Class of 1995, and was listed in the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for 2002 and 2003; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, she was responsible for her school receiving the Goals 2000 Grant to install Internet and Network Capabilities in School and the 21st Century Classroom Grant for the Guidance Department; and

WHEREAS, Cecelia Rivers is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel is highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rivers exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, in her limited spare time, she enjoys the company of her beloved grandchildren and indulges in a variety of hobbies, including waterskiing, quilting, and traveling; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Cecelia Rivers has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Cecelia Rivers our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.